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February 3, 2003

Attention: Members of the New Jersey State Industrial Safety Committee

The next New Jersey State Industrial Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2003 at ETS, Messick Hall (N. Building), Rosedale Road, Princeton, New Jersey. The Executive Board meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and the General Membership Board meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. Directions to ETS Messick Hall are attached, but if you require additional information regarding the location, you may contact Cynthia Rossi at (609) 406-5406.

The minutes of the December 11, 2002 meeting of the New Jersey State Industrial Safety Committee are attached.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Leonard Katz, Assistant Commissioner
Labor Standards & Safety Enforcement

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**New Jersey State Industrial Safety Committee
Minutes of the General Committee Meeting
New Jersey Manufacturers Group
301 Sullivan Way
West Trenton**

Wednesday, December 11, 2002

Executive Committee Members Present:

William Hering, Chairman
Al Figuccio, Vice Chairman
John Clark, Treasurer
Walter Edmonds, Northern Area Chair
Linda Mikkalsen, Central Area Chair
Clifford Knaub, Southern Area Chair

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Joanne Burns, Executive Assistant, New Jersey Department of Labor
Joyce Crea, Administrative Assistant, New Jersey Department of Labor
Michael Corbett, Assistant Chief, New Jersey Department of Labor
Leonard Katz, Assistant Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Labor
Robert Kulick, Director, OSHA Avenel Area
Gary Roskowski, Director, OSHA, Marlton Area

Ex-Officio Members Excused Absence:

Richard Schwartz, Safety Consultant, New Jersey Department of Labor
Peter Slaton, Assistant Chief, New Jersey Department of Labor

General and Honorary Membership Present:

John Blonski	Paul Burgdorf	William Clardy
Gus Crist	Robert deFlesco	Thomas Diveley
Tracy Estes	John Glass	Mario Gomes
Thomas Kerns	George Klinger	John Lambert
Steven Lesko	William Margaretta	Gina Mayer Costa
Maureen Modica	Edward Moffett, Sr.	Janis Morelli
Francis Nowicki	Wayne Petersen	Joseph Piccolo
William Post	Jennifer Quinn	Jack Robertson
Cynthia Rossi	Christine Rufolo	Joseph Rufolo
Ron Sackowitz	Robert Sagendorf	Juanita Sanchez
Tom Skirzynski	Linda Tapp	Robert Weissman
Harry Yourth	Edward Zakar	

Guest:

Steve Chisholm, President, Aspen Tree Expert Co.
Lynne Foley Hering, SM Electric Company, Inc.

General Membership Absent:

Brian Bennett, Excused
Frank Birmingham, Absent
George Browne, Excused
Frederick Bunker, Excused
Michael Burrows, Excused
Thomas Butler, Excused
Thomas Cocchiola, Excused
Larry Cuomo, Absent
Robert Dinetz, Excused
Harris Galary, Excused
Mary Beth Koza, Excused
Joanne Kreisberg, Absent
Richard Lester, Excused
Arthur Lewis, Absent
Cynthia Mahoney, Excused
Gerard Marini, Excused

Jeffrey Monsell, Excused
Ernest Niles, Absent
Douglas Pastore, Excused
Robert Paulukiewicz, Absent
MaryAnn Saville-McBride, Excused
Victoria Schiffler, Absent
Harry Schmidt, Absent
Victoria Schiffler, Absent
Joseph Schwed, Excused
Ron Signorino, Excused
Joseph Smith, Excused
Nancy Umland, Absent
Norman VanHouten, Absent
Barry Weissman, Excused
Joann West, Excused
Bruce Wolf, Absent

General Chairman's Report:

Chairman William Hering called the meeting to order with a flag salute.

Chairman Hering thanked Robert deFlesco and New Jersey Manufacturer's Insurance Group for hosting and providing refreshments to the Committee.

Chairman Hering introduced and thanked Anthony G. Dickson, President of New Jersey Manufacturer's Insurance Group.

President Dickson stated New Jersey Manufacturer's Insurance Group was happy to welcome the Committee to their facility. He stated that we all have a similar goal which is to make New Jersey as safe as possible. He wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Chairman Hering asked all members to review and initial the attendance sheet.

Chairman Hering reported that he sent Governor James McGreevey a letter stating the activities of the Committee and received a response letter from the Governor.

Chairman Hering requested Edward Zakar explore the possibilities of the Committee holding a special get together at Great Adventure next summer.

The minutes of the September 18, 2002 meeting were voted on and unanimously approved.

Installation of New Officers:

Commissioner Kroll presented a letter of gratitude and a signed photograph of Governor James McGreevey to Chairman William Hering.

Commissioner Albert G. Kroll swore in the new officers: Chairman, Alfred Figuccio and Vice Chairman, John Clark. Treasurer, Cynthia Mahoney was excused from the meeting and will be sworn in at the March 2003 meeting.

Commissioner Albert G. Kroll thanked the Committee members for the efforts to promote safety in the workplace.

Commissioner Kroll stated Governor James McGreevey would make announcements in the “State of the State” speech in January regarding the Department of Labor. Commissioner Kroll announced that on January 17, 2003 the Offices of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Compliance and Asbestos Control and Licensing will return to the jurisdiction of the Department of Labor.

Treasurer’s Report:

John Clark presented the Treasurer’s report. The Treasurer’s report was voted on and unanimously approved.

Treasurer Clark reported he would prepare a two-year summary report prior to handing the records over to Cynthia Mahoney.

Treasurer Clark reported an Audit of the Accounts would be conducted prior to releasing the records to Cynthia Mahoney, Incoming Treasurer. Al Figuccio, Incoming Chairman, William Hering, Outgoing Chairman and John Clark, Outgoing Treasurer will conduct the Audit.

Assistant Commissioner Katz reported that the New Jersey Department of Labor would receive federal funds under its OSHA On-Site Consultation grant agreement. Under that grant, the Department of Labor will work with the Controller’s office to provide the Committee with \$3,000. The details will be worked out through the Controller’s office at a later date. Assistant Commissioner Katz thanked Michael Corbett for his efforts in finding ways to make this possible.

Report of Website/Promotional Activities:

William Margaretta reported the New Jersey State Safety Council established the website for the Committee. He reported that charges were incurred to set up the website, one year maintenance fee and any balance will be subsidized by the Council. Included on the website will be the minutes, notices, Governor’s Annual Occupational Safety and Health Award brochure and all other official information. The website address is: <http://njsafety.org> after you enter into the Council’s webpage click on the New Jersey State Industrial Safety Committee icon.

Report of the Area Chairpersons:

Northern Area:

Walter Edmonds stated he had nothing new to report.

Central Area:

Linda Mikkalsen stated she would encourage and request member’s participation for the dinners.

Southern Area:

Clifford Knaub reported the Southern Council continues to meet but attendance is lower than what they would like.

Area Dinner Chairs:

Northern Area:

Walter Edmonds reported the Northern Area dinner would be held on May 15 at the Bethwood in Totowa. Walter Edmonds stated he is working with Ernie Niles on the dinner.

Mercer/Monmouth Area:

Cindy Rossi reported the Mercer/Monmouth Area dinner would be held on April 15 at Mastoris Restaurant in Bordentown. She reported they were able to secure the entire back room, which they hope to fill.

Middlesex/Somerset/Warren/Hunterdon Area:

John Lambert reported the Middlesex/Somerset Area dinner would be held on May 8 at the Pines Manor in Edison. He stated they are encouraging participation of the program.

Southern Area:

Clifford Knaub reported the Southern Area dinner would be held on May 7th at Auletto's in Almonesson.

Union/Essex/Hudson Area:

Robert Sagendorf reported the Union/Essex/Hudson Area dinner would be held on May 21st at the Berkley Plaza in Berkley Heights. The committee members include Steve Lesko, Joseph Piccolo, Robert Sagendorf and Joanne Kreisberg.

75th Annual Governor's Occupational Safety & Health Awards Program:

Michael Corbett reported all committee members were given a copy of the new brochure for the upcoming year. Anyone needing additional brochures should contact either Joyce Crea or himself. Michael Corbett reported 3,500 brochures were printed and are scheduled to be mailed; an additional 5,000 will be printed.

Michael Corbett reported several different changes were made to this year's program. The companies would apply for either the Governor or non-Governor's track. This will permit the departments to become eligible for the Governor's Award for the first time. He reviewed the changes in the registration fees.

Michael Corbett reported there are new awards this year for the Governor's Award, Citation of Merit and Departmental Recognition Award. Previously, the Governor's Award took eight weeks to receive from the vendor and he was guaranteed the new awards would take two to three weeks to receive.

Michael Corbett encouraged the members to promote the program and to encourage as many companies and public entities to participate as possible. Upon reviewing the history he found

that nursing homes never participated in the program. He encouraged anyone having contact with a nursing home to encourage their participation.

Chairman Hering reported while shopping at a WAWA he noticed they posted a sign stating they worked 875 days without a lost time accident. He will revisit that store and encourage WAWA to participate in the program.

Michael Corbett reported that the current changes would produce more recipients eligible for the Governor's Award. If no new companies participate, and the number of participating companies stays the same, then the program would be bankrupt in approximately three years. In order to keep the program viable, the number of companies participating in the program would need to grow between 10 and 12 percent.

Rules Committee:

In Ernest Niles absence his report was tabled to the March meeting.

Chairman Hering stated he would ask Ernest Niles to review the bylaws to address the subject of attendance. Ron Sackowitz volunteered to assist Ernest Niles in whatever way he needs.

Membership:

Gina Mayer Costa reported in Cynthia Mahoney's absence.

A membership application, resume and recommendation were received from Stephen Chisolm of Aspen Tree Expert Co., Inc. A vote was taken and unanimously approved Stephen Chisolm for membership. His application will be sent to the Commissioner of Labor for final approval.

A membership application, resume and recommendation were received from James D. Ray, Esquire of McElroy, Deutsch & Mulvaney. A vote was taken and unanimously approved James D. Ray, Esquire for membership. His application will be sent to the Commissioner of Labor for final approval.

A membership application, resume and recommendation were received from Brian S. Kubiel, Kimball Medical Center. A vote was taken and unanimously approved Brian S. Kubiel for membership. His application will be sent to the Commissioner of Labor for final approval.

A membership application, resume and recommendation were received from Michael Quinlan, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. A vote was taken and unanimously approved Michael Quinlan for membership. His application will be sent to the Commissioner of Labor for final approval.

A membership application, resume and recommendation were received from Sergeant Robert DeLaune, Tinton Falls Police Department. A vote was taken and unanimously approved Sergeant Robert DeLaune for membership. His application will be sent to the Commissioner of Labor for final approval.

A membership application, resume and recommendation were received from John LaPatchka, Assistant Vice President, Commerce National Control Services. A vote was taken and unanimously approved John LaPatchka for membership. His application will be sent to the Commissioner of Labor for final approval.

Assistant Commissioner Katz reported the plaques have not been completed for this meeting but would be forthcoming.

Gina Mayer Costa reported Joyce Crea would be sending letters and intent of continuing membership form in January to all members who did not meet the attendance requirement. Any member receiving that letter should complete the form and return it to Joyce Crea.

Gina Mayer Costa reported that Cynthia Mahoney requested assistance from the Area Chairs and all members in filling openings in the following County and At Large positions: Cape May (1), Gloucester (2), Hunterdon (1), Bergen (2), Sussex (1), Essex (1) and At Large.

Chairman Hering reported he would be sponsoring Dave Milado, President of Local 164 IBEW who has been the safety officer for ten years. The application will be completed and forwarded and submitted to Gina Mayer Costa.

Walter Edmonds reported he would sponsor Patrick DeLaney from Hartz's Mountain. He has been the Safety Director for a number of years. The application will be completed and forwarded to Gina Mayer Costa.

Membership List:

In Joseph Schwed's absence copies of the updated New Jersey State Industrial Safety Committee Roster was distributed.

Safety Training Program:

In Mary Ann McBride's absence Joyce Crea reported the next session will be in February/March but did not have any details.

Small Business Focus:

Michael Corbett reported he had nothing new to report.

Worker's Compensation:

Robert deFlesco's reported there is no current action to both Assembly Bill A573, regarding Worker's Compensation and the counter bill in the Senate.

Robert deFlesco reported with the exception of last year for six years in a row the Worker's Compensation rates went down by 30% while benefits increased over the same period for an injured employee by 27%.

Film Library:

Michael Corbett reported in Peter Slaton's absence and a copy of Peter Slaton's report was distributed.

Michael Corbett reported a Public Employees Consultation Program would be available in January to the public sector. The service will be available to the public sector at no cost.

Construction Committee:

Tom Kerns covered various subjects and distributed handouts.

Legislative Committee:

Walter Edmonds reported there was nothing new to report. He stated due to his work schedule, Ron Signorino will report for the legislative committee when he is absent.

Security Committee:

Janis Morelli reported on the security concerns as an employer for both external and internal protection.

Governor's Council for a Drug Free Workplace:

In Gerald Marini's absence the report for Governor's Council for a Drug Free Workplace was tabled for the March meeting.

OSHA Report:

Gary Roskowski reported the Small Business Association signed a memorandum of understanding to better educate the small business community. This is one of OSHA's target groups to assist small businesses.

OSHA is seeking information to address the effects of occupational exposure to barium (toxic metal used in dental appliance, golf clubs and non-sparking type tools) which causes skin and lung cancer.

OSHA has added alliances to their objectives. An alliance is a lesser degree than a full partnership. The alliance program involves a cooperative agreement between OSHA and focus groups, trade associations and professional organizations. The program will focus resources on one or more elements as training and education, outreach and communication or promoting the national dialogue and value of safety and health.

Gary Roskoski reported OSHA and the New Jersey State Industrial Safety Committee have worked together for a few years. He requested the Committee review the possibility of OSHA forming a formal partnership with the Committee.

John Clark made a motion to pursue a draft to form a formal partnership between the New Jersey State Industrial Safety Committee and Federal OSHA. Robert Weissman seconded the motion and a draft will be written and forwarded to the Commissioner of Labor.

Gary Roskoski reported Secretary Elaine Chao named 15 people to the National Advisory Committee on Ergonomics. This will be a 2-year charter that will review and advise Secretary Chao on a number of issues that would help reduce ergonomic related injuries in the workplace.

Gary Roskoski reported the Bureau of Labor Statistics released the 2001 Workplace fatality data. There were 8,786 fatalities, which included 1/3 from the September 11th terrorist attacks. The construction industry reported the largest number of fatal work injuries while manufacturing reported the lowest levels since 1992.

Robert Kulick reported a Business Communication Alliance is being formed with many local Chambers of Commerce and some major industrial associations. OSHA would like to include the New Jersey State Safety Council and New Jersey State Industrial Safety Council in that alliance.

New Jersey State Safety Council:

William Margaretta reported a new personal transporter vehicle is on the market. Many businesses' will purchase the vehicle to transport the employees from one point to another. The Senate has passed legislation but the legislation will be sent back to the Assembly to include the helmet requirement. He stated there are no operating standards for the vehicle usage.

Tom Dively reported his employer would receive 12 personal transporter vehicles for testing at their warehouse. The vehicles came without standard operating procedures and his employer will demand that they meet all the bicycle standards in order to operate. He stated they would observe the vehicle and will track the information and make any data gathered available.

William Margaretta reported legislation passed stating any person intoxicated while operating a snow mobile would go against the driver's motor vehicle license.

William Margaretta reported the Safety Expo will be held April 8 through 10, 2003 at the Trump Plaza in Atlantic City. The keynote speaker will be Charlie Morecraft.

ASSE:

Joseph Piccolo reported in November they conducted a Laboratory Safety Professional Development Conference. The past presidents night was postponed due to a snowstorm. The next ASSE meeting is scheduled for January 16th. The October newsletter included a blurb for the Governor's Annual Occupational Safety and Health Award program and will issue another update in the January newsletter.

Sunshine Committee:

Walter Edmonds reported he received thank you notes from all who received arrangements from the Committee. He apologized for not sending Mario Gomes an arrangement this year, as he was not aware of his illness until just recently.

He reported he would send John Gluchowski an arrangement as John has been ill for quite some time.

Holiday cards will be sent to all members who have been ill for an extended period.

Old Business:

Assistant Commissioner Katz asked Joanne Burns to check into the Open Public Meetings Act with Frederick Cohen, Legal Liaison, New Jersey Department of Labor. Frederick Cohen responded that N.J.S.A. 34:6A-15 is the statute, which establishes the New Jersey State Industrial Safety Committee. The role of the committee is purely advisory. Since it does not promulgate laws or regulations which affect the public, but advises the Commissioner on its opinions

regarding regulations proposed by the Department he felt it is not subject to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1. et seq.

Assistant Commissioner Katz presented William Hering with a gift on behalf of the Committee thanked him for all his efforts during his term as Chairman. Assistant Commissioner Katz thanked Lynne Hering for all her efforts at the Area dinners.

Newly elected Chairman Alfred Figuccio asked William Margaretta how many state safety positions were not filled. William Margaretta responded it was too soon to tell due to the early retirement package. William Margaretta stated there is still a vacant position in the Mine Safety Section and in the Division of Highway Safety. He will look into the matter and advise Chairman Figuccio.

Paul Burgdorf requested the status of the automobile decals. Chairman Figuccio requested Michael Corbett follow up on the production of the automobile decal.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Albert Figuccio.

NEW JERSEY STATE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY COMMITTEE RESPONSE FORM

Date: March 19, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. Executive Meeting and 9:30 a.m. General Meeting

Company: ETS Rosedale Campus – Messick Hall

Location: Rosedale and Carter Roads, Lawrence Township (Princeton) New Jersey
(DIRECTIONS ATTACHED)

IMPORTANT: All attendees will be required to present their drivers license. Anyone bringing a laptop or notebooks must advise Cynthia Rossi as she needs to complete special forms.

Please be sure to e-mail your response to me and list on subject line *NJSISC Response*. If you were contacted via regular mail please return no later than March 3, 2003. Please include your license plate number.

Members Name: _____

{ } I will attend the meeting

{ } I am unable to attend the meeting due to:

License Plate Number _____

Thank you,
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